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City Completes Renovation of Historic Sunken Garden Fountains at Garfield Park

INDIANAPOLIS – On Tuesday, the City of Indianapolis Departments of Public Works (DPW) and Parks and Recreation today announced the reopening of the historic Fountains and Sunken Gardens at Garfield Park on the City's south side. The completion of the renovations was marked with a ceremonial lighting of the fountains hosted by Mayor Greg Ballard.

The recently completed \$1.23 million renovation project involved repairing and sealing cracks and painting the fountain basins, installing energy efficient motors and LED lighting, moving electrical controls and installation of new water filtering system.

"The Fountains and Sunken Gardens at Garfield Park are a beautiful historic landmark in our city," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "These renovations and energy efficiency retrofits ensure this scenic public space can be enjoyed by residents and visitors for generations."

The Sunken Gardens were designed by renowned landscape architect George Edward Kessler and opened to the public in 1916. The European-style formal gardens include three fountains, paved brick walkways, and benches. They are replanted three times a year with seasonal displays, taking advantage of the tulips of spring, the annuals of summer, and the mums of autumn. The Gardens are a popular venue for weddings and concerts, including the ongoing Music in the Gardens series.

Garfield Park, located at 2505 Conservatory Drive, was the City's first park. Created in 1881, the 128-acre regional park is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Learn more about Garfield Park [here](#).

